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TOWN OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1873.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

JAMES M. FREEMAN, JOHN H. FISHER.
JASON TOWER.

Town Clerk.

A. A. RUSSEGUE.

Treasurer and Collector.

A. A. RUSSEGUE.

Auditor.

WALDO DANIELS.

Assessors.

S. W. RICHARDSON, J. HARROLD, A. G. METCALF.

School Committee.

S. W. SQUIRE, GEO. KING, GEO. W. WIGGIN.

Constables.

WM. E. NASON, H. B. MILLER, L. R. WHITTAKER.

Field Drivers.

CHAS. BADGER, ALFRED CLARK, JR, J. W. HEATON.

Fence Viewers.

ALFRED CLARK, J. W. HEATON, L. L. FISHER.

Pound Keeper.

ALFRED CLIFFORD.

Highway Surveyors.

Dist. No. 1, PATRICK CONNOLY.
Dist. No. 2, THOMAS J. DANIELS.
Dist. No. 3, EDMUND HARTSHORN.
Dist. No. 4, ALFRED CLARK.
Dist. No. 5, CHARLES BADGER.

THE FOLLOWING VOTE WAS PASSED MARCH 3, 1873.

The next settlement with the Treasurer shall be made for a period of eleven months, ending on the 31st day of January, 1874, and thereafter the fiscal year shall commence on the first day of February and end on the last day of January, next ensuing, annually, instead of the first day of March and the last day of February as heretofore, and that all Accounts and Expenditures be made up specific, and in detail, with proper vouchers for the several items on account of the Town during each fiscal year; that an Auditor be chosen annually by the Town, whose duty shall be to examine all accounts and vouchers for the fiscal year and make out and cause to be printed, specifically and in detail, the several items contained in said account and give the exact financial condition of the Town at the close of each fiscal year, and also include the estimate for the necessary expenses of the Town for the next ensuing year as prepared by the Selectmen; that the Selectmən and Treasurer be hereby instructed to place all needed facilities, including all necessary Town Books, Accounts and Vouchers in the hands of said Auditor, on or before the first Monday of February, annually, and that the Auditor publish his report and have 400 copies of the same ready for distribution to the voters, at least one week previous to the Annual March Meeting.

[Chapter 195.]

An Act in Relation to the Annual Reports of Towns and Cities.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Sect. 1. One copy or more of the Annual Report, or of any special report relating to income, expenditures, or other municipal affairs of any city or town, shall be returned by the Clerk thereof, on or before the last day of April in each year, to the State Librarian, to be deposited and preserved in the State Library.

SECT. 2. If any city or town shall neglect or refuse to make the return required in the first section of this act, such city or town shall thereby forfeit its share of the publications hereafter to be distributed by authority of the Commonwealth, and said publications shall be withheld until the provisions of this act are complied with.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved April 30, 1866.

TOWN GRANTS FOR 1873.

For support of Schools,		$6000 00
" Pauper expenses,		2500 00
" Roads and bridges,		3000 00
" Miscellaneous expenses,		3000 00
" Interest account,		1000 00
" Printing and stationery,		150 00
" Town Officers,		800 00
" Abatement, discount and collection of taxes,		1600 00
" Town debt,		3000 00
" Expenses in alteration and repairs on Lincoln Street as ordered by County Commissioners,		4000 00
" Incidental expenses of Fire Department,		1000 00
" Grading and providing water for Schoolhouse No. 6,		150 00
" Franklin Library Association,		150 00
" Post 70, G. A. R.,		100 00
Total Town grant,		$26450 00
(Also appropriated in aid of Franklin Library Association the dog money in Treasury,)	$161 16	
Amount of State tax,	$2587 50	
" County tax,	1761 10	
" Overlayings,	486 59	
Unpaid school books,	15 65	
		4850 84
Total amount of taxes for 1873,		$31300 84

VALUATION OF TOWN, MAY 1st, 1873.

Assessed value Personal Estate,	$766,535 00
" " Real Estate,	997,770 00
Total Valuation,	$1,764,305 00
Rate of taxation $17.00 per $1000.00	
Whole number of Polls,	646.
Amount of Tax on Polls,	$1292.
Whole number Acres Land taxed,	15464 1-2.
" " Dwelling Houses, May 1, '73,	460.
" " Horses in town, May 1, '73,	312.
" " Cows " " " " "	480.
" " Sheep " " " " "	3.

MONEY PAID ON ACCOUNT FOR SCHOOLS, VIZ;

CENTRE SCHOOL.

To James M'E. Drake, teaching 14 weeks, ending March 14, 1873, high school	$350 00
To Annie Harrold, teaching 14 weeks, ending March 14, 1873, high school.	91 00
To James M'E. Drake, 12 3-4 weeks, ending July 3, 1873, high school,	318 75
To Annie Harrold, 12 3-4 weeks, ending July 3, 1873, high school,	82 86
To E. W. Burditt, 13 weeks, ending Nov. 21, 1873, high school,	260 00
To Annie E. Chace, 13 weeks, ending Nov. 21, 1873, high school,	146 25

To E. W. Burditt, 11 4-5 weeks, in grammar school, ending June 27, 1873,	118 00
To Annie L. Adams, 12 weeks, in grammar school, ending Nov. 14, 1873,	120 00
To Emma J. Messenger, 11 9-10 weeks, in sub grammar school, ending June 27, 1873,	119 00
To Clara V. Guild, 4 weeks, in sub grammar school,	40 00
To Jennie M. King, 7 weeks, in sub grammar school, ending Nov. 14, 1873,	70 00
To M. B. Hawes, 11 9-10 weeks, in intermediate school, ending July 2, 1873.	119 00
To M. B. Hawes, 12 weeks, in intermediate school, ending Nov. 14, 1873,	120 00
Heaton & Stebbins, 4 tons coal.	42 00
" " 2 cords oak wood,	13 00
" " 1 " pine wood,	5 00
" " 4 tons coal,	42 00
Dauphin White, 5 cords of wood,	33 75
" " 1-2 cord pine wood,	2 75
Alfred G. Metcalf, 3 cords pine wood,	15 00
Jason Tower, 1 1-2 cords slabs,	6 00
S. W. Squire, 10 barrels shavings,	1 00
L. W. Hill, for load shavings,	2 50
R. H. Davidson, sawing and housing 9 1-2 cords wood	22 50
" " " for shavings,	25
J. E. Newell, care of high school-room 3 weeks, Spring term,	1 50
Charles S. Gowen, care of high-schoolroom 7 weeks,	5 25
Charles S. Gowen, care of high-schoolroom 10 weeks,	5 00
J. E. Newell, care of high-schoolroom 13 weeks, and extra work,	6 80
Elbridge J. Whitttaker, care of grammar school-room, 2 terms, 24 weeks,	9 60

J. E. Newell, care of grammar schoolroom. 11 weeks, Winter term 1872,	5 50
Charles F. Nye, care of sub grammar schoolroom, 12 weeks,	4 80
Frank E. Cleveland, care sub grammar schoolroom, room. 11 weeks,	4 40
Alfred E. Clifford, care of intermediate schoolroom 12 weeks,	4 80
Orin W. Clifford, care of intermediate schoolroom 12 weeks,	4 80
Total paid,	$2193 06

PRIMARY SCHOOL, NO. 1.

Paid Ella G. Daniels, teaching 11 4-5 weeks, ending July 1, 1872.	$106 20
Ella G. Daniels, 12 weeks, ending Nov. 21, 1873,	108 00
Leverett Cole, care school-room, term ending July 1,	4 00
Willie H. Angus, care school-room 7 weeks in Fall term,	2 33
J. Dean, care schoolroom 3 weeks, term ending Nov. 21,	1 00
Dauphin White, 9 feet oak wood,	7 59
A. G. Metcalf, 2 cords pine wood,	10 00
S. W. Squire, 3 barrels shavings,	30
R. H. Davidson, sawing and housing, 4 1-8 cords wood,	10 31
Total paid,	$249 73

PRIMARY SCHOOL, NO. 2.

Paid Clara V. Guild, teaching, 11 9-10 weeks, ending July 3, 1873,	$107 10

Mattie F. Metcalf, teaching, 12 weeks, ending Nov. 20,	$108 00
George E. Stewart, for care of school-room, 2 terms, 24 weeks,	9 60
E. A. Jordan, 2 cords wood,	14 00
R. H. Davidson, sawing 2 cords wood,	5 00
" " " sawing and housing 4 cords wood,	10 00
Alfred G. Metcalf, 3 cords pine wood,	15 00
S. W. Squire, 3 barrels shavings,	30
Total paid,	$269 00

SCHOOL NO. 2., KING STREET.

Paid Charles Badger, 1 cord wood,	$6 00
" John Sullivan, sawing and housing 2 cords and 2 feet wood,	5 88
Total paid,	$11 88

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Paid Emma J. Messenger, teaching, 12 weeks, ending Feb. 6, 1873,	$108 00
Lula F. Hosie, 12 weeks, ending Nov. 25, 1873,	108 00
Jennie M. King, 11 3-5 weeks, ending July 3, 1873,	104 40
Willie Field, care school-room, 12 weeks, ending Feb. 6, 1873,	3 00
Fred Field, care school-room, 12 weeks, ending July 3, 1873,	3 00
Dauphin White, 9 feet oak wood,	7 59
A. E. Howard, 1 1-2 cords pine wood,	4 50
" " " sawing and piling 2 5-8 cords wood,	5 81
Total paid,	$344 30

SCHOOL NO. 6.

Paid Juliette D. Stanley, teaching, 11 2-5 weeks, ending Nov. 25, 1873,	$91 20
Mary A. Davis, 12 weeks, ending Nov. 25, 1873,	96 00
Daniel Ackley, care of schoolroom, 2 weeks.	1 50
Herbert E. Bartlett, care of schoolroom, 23 weeks,	5 75
T. J. Daniels, 2 1-2 cords wood,	18 00
Edward Lynch, sawing and housing 2 1-2 cords wood,	6 25
Total paid,	$218 70

SCHOOL NO. 7.

Paid Mary A. Davis, teaching, 11 weeks, March 5, 1873,	$88 00
Etta E. Whiting, 11 3-5 weeks, ending July 1, 1873,	92 80
Etta E. Whiting, 12 weeks, ending Nov. 19, 1873,	108 00
Wilton A. Pond, care of schoolroom, term ending March 5, 1873,	3 00
Wilton A. Pond, care schoolroom, term ending July 1, 1873,	3 30
Wm. Hill, care schoolroom, term ending Nov. 18, '73,	3 00
Eliab M. Pond, cutting and housing 7 1-2 cords wood,	18 75
L. W. Daniels, 1-2 cord mixed wood,	3 75
" " " 1 cord Maple wood,	7 00
" " " 1 " Oak wood,	8 00
" " " 1 " Pine wood,	3 00
Total paid,	$338 60

SCHOOL NO 8. (UNIONVILLE.)

Paid Annabelle Freeman, teaching, 11 3-5 weeks, ending July 2, 1873,	$104 40
Emily Mann, 11 3-5 weeks, ending July 2, 1873,	81 20
Eliza Richardson, 12 weeks, ending Nov. 21, 1873,	108 00
Jessie C. Ballou, 12 weeks, ending Nov. 21, 1873,	84 00
J. Buckley, care schoolroom, Winter term, 1872-3,	5 00
Elbert W. Rockwood, care schoolroom, 12 weeks,	4 80
Eliza J. Briggs, care schoolroom, term ending Nov. 21, 1873.	4 80
Goldsbury Pond, 3 cords oak wood.	21 00
" " 2 " pine "	7 00
L. W. Daniels, 1 cord pine wood,	4 00
Charles S. Howe, sawing, splitting and housing 1 1-2 cords pine wood,	3 00
Charles S. Howe, sawing, splitting and housing 1 1-4 cords oak wood.	3 12
Thomas Russell, sawing and housing 3 cords oak wood,	6 75
Thomas Russell, sawing and housing 2 cords pine wood,	4 00
	$441 07

SCHOOL NO. 9.

Paid Lula F. Hosie, teaching 11 3-5 weeks, ending July 2, 1873,	$92 80
Abbie M. Adams, 12 weeks, ending Nov, 21, 1873,	96 00
Arthur C. Miller, care of school-room, 2 terms, 24 weeks,	6 00
Total paid,	$194 80

SCHOOL NO. 10.

Paid Nellie E. Pierce, teaching 11 weeks, ending Feb. 28, 1871,	$82 50
Paid Nellie L. Bullard, 11 3-5 weeks, ending July 3, 1873,	84 00
Paid Nellie L. Bullard, 12 weeks, ending Nov. 26, 1873,	96 00
W. Crowningshield, care school-room, Winter term, 1872-3,	2 75
Eugene Everett, care school-room, term ending June 29, 1873,	2 75
Lena Daniels, care school-room, term ending Nov. 26, 1873,	3 00
A. G. Metcalf, 1 cord pine wood,	5 00
A. J. Gilmore, 2 cords oak wood,	15 00
W. E. Crowningshield, sawing 1 cord wood,	2 00
Alonzo S. Greenwood, 1 cord pine wood,	3 00
" " " sawing 3 cords wood,	7 00
Total paid,	$303 00
Total payment for schools,	$4564 14

NOTE.—The above includes bills for winter schools 1872–3, amounting to $734 05.

PAUPER ACCOUNT AT ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Alfred Clifford, 3 months salary.	$75 00
Jenks, Craig & Co., for merchandise,	151 93
" " "	153 72
John Huckle, for pair of shoes, for Mr. Pond,	4 00
Alfred Clifford, 3 months salary,	75 00

Henry Bemis, for coffin, robe and funeral charges, Rebecca Whiting,	18 00
Mancy M. Daniels, for 2 cows,	120 00
Jenks, Craig & Co., merchandise,	293 34
" " "	4 50
A. Thayer, 1 pair boots, 5 50—repairs, 3 05	8 55
D. C. Cotton, merchandise,	28 43
J. O. Chillson, "	54 77
Jenks, Craig & Co., merchandise,	223 66
J. O. Chillson, "	9 93
Heaton & Stebbins, 1 ton coal,	11 00
Jenks, Craig & Co., merchandise,	57 25
Total payments at Alms House,	$1289 08

PAUPER ACCOUNT OUT OF ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Hawes & Moses for wood delivered L. White,	5 84
" " for 8 5-12 feet wood delivered Thomas Russell,	5 52
Town of Braintree support Margaret Whiting,	10 00
J. M. Freeman, one day and expenses,	4 80
" cash paid moving Mrs. Whiting from Braintree,	6 90
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	309 26
Mr. Ford, for support Mrs. Odey,	24 00
Silas and Judith Breck,	15 00
Julia Fisher,	25 00
Wm. Rockwood, mdse. for Mrs. Carr,	10 66
E. S. Moses, for support Lysander White and family,	27 70

Geo. King, medical attendance on Mrs. Frost,	20 00
" " " L. White,	10 75
G. M. Wadsworth, mdse. L. White,	3 33
" " "	5 00
Silas and Judith Breck,	15 00
State Reform School, Westboro,	13 00
Jason Tower, pork furnished L. White,	1 05
S. Atwood, medical attendance, Betsey Inman	10 00
Silas and Judith Breck,	15 00
Hawes & Moses for 9 2-3 feet wood delivered Mrs. Frost,	7 33
Geo. King, medical attendance, L. White,	5 00
Mrs. Wm. B. Odey and children,	24 00
Julia Fisher,	25 00
C. L. Norton, mdse. for Mrs. G. S. Corbett,	15 16
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	273 06
Mrs. Frost,	26 00
Wm. Rockwood, mdse. Mrs. C. Carr,	28 13
Silas and Judith Breck,	15 00
Town of Natick, medical attendance and clothing, Eugene Rockwood,	9 50
Geo. Sheldon, house rent Mrs. Geo. Corbett,	12 50
Silas and Judith Breck,	15 00
J. M. Freeman, 2 days and expenses to hospital at Worcester,	10 55
J. M. Freeman, paid car fare O. W. Adams,	1 20
" " " W. R. Farr to Tewksbury alms house,	2 60
J. M. Freeman, 1 day and ex. to Tewksbury,	6 20
" cash for pauper expenses,	3 10
C. L. Norton, mdse. Mrs. Geo. Corbett,	9 89
Mrs. Wm. B. Odey and children,	24 00
Mrs. Eliza Frost,	13 00

Removal Mrs. Snow to Stafford,	4 00
Mrs. W. B. Odey and children,	24 00
Jenks, Craig & Co., mdse Thomas Russell,	52 27
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	231 78
Silas and Judith Breck,	30 00
Julia Fisher,	25 00
Jenks, Craig & Co., mdse Thomas Russell,	3 00
Silas and Judith Breck,	15 00
Sarah J. Ray, board of Walter Corbett,	26 00
Mrs. Wm. B. Odey and children,	24 00
Silas and Judith Breck,	15 00
Emery Thayer, house rent Mrs. D. Lincoln,	50 00
J. O. Chilson, mdse. Thomas Russell,	27 50
W. Rockwood, mdse. Mrs. Caroline Carr.	48 11
Silas and Judith Breck,	15 00
Julia Fisher,	25 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	206 23
State Reform School, Westboro,	39 00
Jenks, Craig & Co., mdse. Thomas Russell,	15 50
Silas and Judith Breck,	15 00
J. O. Chilson, mdse. Thomas Russell,	18 00
Removal remains of Lucy B. King from Worcester	10 00
J. M. Freeman, pauper expenses,	3 50
Wm. Rockwood, mdse. Mrs. Caroline Carr,	25 30
Total payments paupers out Alms House	$2011 74

CASH PAID SNOW BILLS.

Paid Patrick Connolly, shovelling snow 60 hours,	$12 00
Various persons, 37 bills, 683 1-4 hours, at 20c.	136 65
Thos. J. Daniels, shoveling, 72 hours,	14 40

J. M. Freeman, shoveling, 50 hours,	10 00
A. P. Woodward, shoveling 59 hours,	11 80
John Dolan, shoveling, 100 hours,	20 00
John Gordon, shoveling, 57 1-2 hours,	11 50
Various persons, 17 bills, 279 1-2 hours,	55 90
Alfred Clark, shoveling, 60 hours,	12 00
Jason Tower, for various persons, 125 1-2 hours,	25 10
" " shoveling, 88 hours,	17 60
Patrick Connolly, shoveling, 74 hours,	14 80
Frank A. Gilmore, shoveling, 50 hours,	10 00
C. M. Allen, shoveling, 77 hours,	15 40
John Canney, for various persons, 223 1-2 hours,	44 70
Various persons, 21 bills, 308 hours,	61 60
" " 5 bills, 149 hours,	29 80
A. G. Metcalf, shoveling, 23 hours,	4 60
Various persons, 10 bills, 101 1-2 hours,	20 30
A. F. Everett, shoveling, 30 hours,	6 00
Silas Bullard, shoveling, 43 hours,	8 60
John Carr, shoveling, 50 hours,	10 00
John Murphy, shoveling, 46 hours,	9 20
Michael Shay, shoveling, 50 hours,	10 00
Alfred Clark, shoveling, 57 hours,	11 40
Various persons, 5 bills, 75 1-2 hours,	15 10
Wm. E. Nason, shoveling, 10 1-2 hours,	2 10
" " " for 4 horses and 2 men 1-2 day on road,	6 00
Total paid Snow Bills,	$606 55.

CASH PAID REPAIRS TOWN ROADS,

Paid Washington Pierce, 20 hours on Mount Hill, 1872-3,	$4 00
Alfred Clark, Surveyor in Dist. No. 4, 1129 hours labor.	225 80
Patrick Connolly, Surveyor Dist. No. 1, 1107 hours, at 20 c.	221 40
T. J. Daniels, Surveyor in Dist. No. 2, 634 hours, at 20 c.	126 80
Patrick Connolly, labor.	48 00
Chas. Badger, Surveyor in Dist. No. 5, 1971 hours, at 20 c.	394 20
T. J. Daniels, Surveyor in Dist. No. 2, 838 hours, at 20 c.	167 60
Alfred Clark, Surveyor in Dist. No. 4, 814 hours at 20 c.	162 80
Patrick Connolly, Surveyor in Dist. No. 1. 193 1-2 hours.	38 70
Edmund Hartshorn, Surveyor in Dist. No. 3, 1388 1-2 hours, at 20 c.	277 70
T. J. Daniels, Surveyor in Dist. No. 2, 1069 hours, at 20 c.	213 80
Edmund Hartshorn, Surveyor in Dist. No. 3. 950 hours, at 20 c.	190 00
Alfred Clark, Surveyor in Dist. No. 4, 1369 hours, at 20 c.	273 80
Charles Badger, Surveyor in Dist. No. 5, 1425 hours, at 20 c.	285 00
Geo. N. Fuller, labor, 76 1-2 hours.	15 30
Thurston Ballou, labor, 30 hours,	6 00
Patrick Connolly, Surveyor in Dist. No. 1, 1476 hours, at 20 c.	297 70

Chas Badger, Surveyor in Dist. No. 5, 340 hours, at 20 c.,	68 00
Total payments Repairs Roads,	$3016 60
Also paid Patrick Connolly, as per contract, for widening and rebuilding Lincoln street, from Franklin Centre to Medway line, as ordered by the County Commissioners,	$4685 00

CASH PAID ON ACCOUNT FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Hunt, Twitchell & Co., for 300 feet hose, couplings, &c.,	$222 00
Edward Weston, 10 hours labor,	2 50
Pollard & Leighton, bunting flag for signal,	11 00
Hunt, Twitchell & Co., for 300 feet hose, couplings, &c.,	298 50
Frederic A Ware, rent for engine house lot,	15 00
Wm. Fitzgerald, for 28 hours labor on engine No. 2,	7 00
Anthony Connor, 8 hours labor on engine No 1,	2 00
Alex. Mann, for building resevoir on Main St.,	353 00
Hunneman & Co., bill for suction hose and couplings,	44 65
Wm. Rockwood, for rope, repairs, &c., engine No. 2,	3 25
Jenks, Craig & Co., oil, &c.,	95
D. C. Cotton's, bill supplies,	22 65
Wm. Rockwood, for 3 ft. wood, cutting and housing,	2 63
Total Payments,	$985 10

CASH PAID FOR PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Paid J. M. Stewart. for town warrants,	9	25
" advertising.	16	75
" 500 blanks for overseers,	3	50
" 400 town reports.	95	00
" town warrants,	3	50
" advertising.	5	00
J. M. Whittemore, blank book for assessors.	1	20
S. T. Lombard. printing 100 R. R. bonds.	45	00
" 1 blank note book.	8	00
J. M. Stewart. printing 400 school reports,	32	00
" 1000 blanks for surveyors.	4	50
" sundry posters.	6	75
Total payments for printing and stationery,	$230	45

CASH PAID ON ACCOUNT OF LIBRARY.

Paid Ella G. Daniels, librarian, from March 1st. 1873. to February 1st, 1874,	114	58
for covering 760 library Books.	15	20
Noyes, Holmes & Co., rebinding 48 vols. &c.,	20	53
" 27 lbs. Manilla paper.	4	05
J. M. Stewart. printing 400 catalogues,	65	75
" 200 library cards,	4	50
" 2000 book labels,	4	00
A. A. Russegue, for cash paid printing and certificate of incorporation.	10	75
C. K. Darling, set blank books.	18	50
J. B. Chisholm, for 400 supplements to catalogue,	9	00
D. C. Cotton, oil and lamps, &c.,	3	21

Waldo Daniels, cash paid express on lib. books,	1 10
" for revising and preparing copy for new catalogue,	7 50
Total payments for library,	$278 67

NOTE.—The Librarian has collected from sale of catalogues, &c., $32.37, which has been paid in to the Town Treasury

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Paid A. P. Woodward, for gravel used on Forest street,	$6 00
E. M. Stebbins, ribbon for school diplomas,	90
George King, for school books furnished for teachers' use, 1872-3,	15 79
George King, for crayons, &c., for teachers' use, 1872-3,	9 68
George King, for school books supplied to scholars, and returned to the Assessors,	25 76
J. Batchelder, repairs at schoolhouse,	1 00
John W. Ellis, for survey and re-location of town road,—Lincoln street,	12 00
Geo. Watson, for flag-stone,	2 00
Ames Plow Co., for castings and express,	5 24
J. W. Faxon, labor near High schoolhouse,	2 00
L. E. Thayer, bill for horse hire,	5 20
Fisher & Howe, for clock for school No. 7,	6 00
" " for repairing clocks,	1 25
S. W. Squire, making School Report,	5 00
" " " 2 days repairing schoolhouse,	4 00
" " " 2 days securing evidence to con-	

vict boys for breaking windows.	4 00
S. W. Squire, for cutting brush,	5 00
Post 70, G. A. R., as per town grant,	100 00
Chas. M. Nason. 241 feet railing.	4 82
" " " 16 posts.	2 00
" " " 2 days labor and nails.	4 42
D. C. Cotton, 2 axes and handles,	3 15
E. S. Ritchie & Son's bill, philosophical apparatus, &c., for High schoolroom,	63 55
Ames Plow Co., for castings and express,	2 80
Geo. King for school books furnished teachers, Spring term, 1873.	25 97
Geo. King, for articles supplied to schools, &c., Spring term.	19 51
Geo. King, for books furnisned scholars, not paid for, Spring term, viz:	
In Intermediate School,	13
No. 2 Primary,	4 61
No. 6 School,	1 36
No. 7 "	12 42
No. 8 "	39
No. 9 "	60
No. 10 "	5 35
For scholars by order S. W. Squire,	2 96
Builders Ins. Co., renewal of policy,	116 00
Ætna, " " "	113 50
North British " "	112 50
Boston Journal for advertising,	3 50
Heaton & Stebbins' bill, completing and repairs of cisterns. viz:	
Labor 9 2-10 days, at $4 00,	36 80
" 9 2-10 " " 2 75,	25 12
" 1 1-2 " " 2 50,	3 75

" 1 " horse,	2 00
12 barrels cement " 3 50,	42 00
Sand, $3 25, drain pipe, 11 65,	14 90
Cones for cistern $2 00, strainer 25 c,	2 25
Repairing cistern,	3 72
Waldo Daniels, for survey of Town road from Alpine to Lincoln street,	2 00
Monitor M. Fire Ins. Co, deposit note,	19 86
Dorchester M. Fire Ins. Co. assessments on 4 policies,	179 79
James M. Freeman, 1 day and expenses procuring engineer to lay out Medway road,	3 00
James M. Freeman, cash paid for telegram,	56
L. E. Thayer, for horse hire,	2 50
Geo. W. Wiggin, expenses in securing teacher for High School,	14 00
Josephus W. Horton, part payment for damages on Depot St., Nov. 1872,	1000 00
J. B. Darling, deed of gravel pit,	90 00
Ann Finnegan, cleaning schoolhouse No. 1,	3 00
A. J. Fitzpatrick, 7 1-2 hours labor,	1 50
" " " use of derrick,	3 00
D. C. Cotton, 1 stove,	5 00
" " 611 lbs. lead pipe at 11 c.,	67 21
" " lock, hinges, stop cock, &c.,	5 47
E. B. Fits, setting glass schoolhouse,	3 50
C. M. Nason, building culvert and furnishing stone for same,	15 00
Henry Bemis, varnishing hearse,	10 00
Jason Tower, 24 hours labor on town road,	4 80
" " 1 hogshead, 1 50, 1 barrel, 1 00	2 50
" " stock and labor for platform,	6 00
" " 113 hours labor on trench, for	

lead pipe and laying same at schoolhouse No. 6,	22 60
H. B. Tift, 3 days labor at cemetery,	6 00
" " 2 days for horse at cemetery,	4 00
J. H. Partridge, 3 days labor on lock-up,	6 25
" " " 250 brick, $2.50, mortar, $1.50,	4 00
Adin D. Sargent, for cash paid fixtures and sundry repairs at schoolhouse No. 9.	2 50
Adin D. Sargent, for repairs clock at schoolhouse No. 3,	1 00
Sabin Hubbard, for building fence 23 1-2 rods to old cemetery, at $4.50	105 75
Sabin Hubbard, for 3 days labor on old fence, at $2.75,	8 25
Frank E. Cleveland, seating 1 school chair,	62
D. C. Cotton, 1 Land side plow casting,	3 75
Jenks, Craig & Co., 3 lbs. powder,	90
Chas. Badger, stone for bridge,	1 00
" " for sharping and steeling picks,	2 20
" " for 1 plow point,	75
Waldo Colburn, legal services in case J. W. Horton vs. Town of Franklin,	100 00
Wm. Rockwood, for broom and setting glass at schoolhouse No. 8,	1 33
Fisher & Howe, 1 clock for schoolhouse No. 9,	7 25
John A. Davis, painting 23 1-2 rods fence at 75 c.	17 63
" " " " old fence	8 00
Geo. W. Wiggin, expenses procuring teacher for school No. 8,	2 50
Geo. King, for books furnished teachers for Fall term, 1873,	7 60
Geo. King, books furnished scholars, unpaid	13 09
12 gross crayons,	1 98
Cash collected for books by teacher at school	

No. 6 and stolen from desk,	1 80
Books unaccounted for by Miss Guild,	39
State tax for 1873,	2587 50
D. C. Cotton, sundry fixtures for lock-up,	4 50
" " 1 stove and pipe for lock-up,	9 50
" " sundry supplies for schoolhouse to Oct. 3, 1873,	27 91
F. A. B. King, bill, viz:	
1-2 day's labor at High School,	1 63
Glass, butts, screws, &c.,	77
County tax for 1873,	1761 10
W. E. Nason, posting town warrants,	14 00
E. L. & O. F. Metcalf, bill for lumber for bridge, &c.,	22 94
J. L. Hammett, 1 Webster's dictionary.	3 75
John A. Davis, setting glass at schoolhouses.	4 00
Joseph Harrold, 8 days labor at cemetery,	16 00
Davis Thayer, bill, viz:	
8 days labor by H. McParland,	16 00
1-2 " " team,	1 00
Cash paid for lead, oil and freight,	15 38
Saul B. Scott, digging grave for Mrs. D. King,	2 00
Jenks, Craig & Co., school supplies,	12 04
" " " 8 lights glass,	2 00
E. S. Moses, labor with team, &c.,	3 25
E. F. Fits, for glass and setting at schoolhouses,	3 05
Members engine Co. No., 1, 29 men at $5,	145 00
" " " 2, 24 " "	120 00
S. W. Richardson, bill, viz:	
2 days at Boston and expenses on Bank tax and tax on estate Dr. Dean,	8 00
John A. Davis, setting glass at schoolhouses,	2 50
Jonas Kimball, putting up railing on East St.,	2 92

John Canney, stone drag,		2 00
Geo. Nelson, sharping picks, bars,		1 80
Edward Lynch, 16 1-2 hours labor repairing wall and pointing same at schoolhouse No. 6,		4 20
Henry Bemis, returns 20 deaths,		4 25
Geo. King, for gravel for roads,		3 00
" " setting glass at High School,		50
" " 1-2 day and expenses procuring teacher,		3 00
S. W. Squire, stamps and stationery,		1 25
" " expenses procuring teacher,		3 00
L. E. Thayer, horse hire.		2 00
James M. Freeman, care Town House for year,		7 50
" " " fuel.		1 00
A. A. Russegue's bill, viz:		
Cash for painting book case,	1 40	
" paid freight and express,	8 56	
" " postage and stationery,	9 60	
Recording and returning enrolled militia,	3 00	
" and making returns to Secretary,	4 00	
Making report receipts & expenditures,	20 00	
Recording doings town meetings,	15 00	
" indexing and returning to Sec'y 54 births,	27 00	
Recording, indexing and returning to Secretary, 24 marriages,	4 80	
Recording, indexing and returning to Secretary, 48 deaths,	9 60	102 96
Total paid miscellaneous expenses,		$7533 93

CASH PAID STATE AID.

To Mrs. A. A. Wiggin,	$81 60
Mrs. A. E. Taft,	77 33
Mrs. Ellen Ryan	44 00
Mrs. Charlotte Holbrook,	72 00
Alonzo Rogers, Jr.,	93 50
J. F. Fitzpatrick,	48 00
Wm. Sullivan,	31 50
A. L. Brock,	66 00
A. L. Jordan,	154 00
Geo. W. Ballou,	14 00
Total paid State Aid,	$681 93

NOTE.—Of the above amount the sum of $49.50 returned into the Town Treasury.

PAYMENTS TO TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid S. W. Squire, 54 days, School Com. (1872)	$108 00
Geo. King, 44 1-2 " " " "	89 00
A. D. Sargent, 20 " " " "	40 00
S. W. Richardson, Assessor, 41 days,	102 50
Joseph Harrold, " 22 "	55 00
A. G. Metcalf, " 24 "	60 00
James M. Freeman, selectman,	75 00
" overseer,	35 00
John H. Fisher, selectman and overseer,	25 00
Jason Tower, " "	40 00
A. A. Russegue, services as treasurer,	50 00
S. W. Squire, 53 1-2 day's services, school committee to Feb. 1, 1874,	133 25
Geo. King, 49 day's services, school committee	

to Feb. 1, 1874.	119 00
Geo. W. Wiggin, 50 day's services, school committee.	125 00
Total payments.	$1056 75

NOTE.—The three first bills of above account, amounting to $237 00, were for year 1872-3.

PAID COLLECTION, DISCOUNT AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid A. A. Russegue for collecting taxes, ($22741 62).	$227 42
Amount discount on 21981 32.	1318 88
Amount taxes abated by the town.	54 63
" " " " assessors.	326 08
Total.	$1927 01

GROSS PAYMENTS FOR POOR OUT OF ALMS HOUSE.

For Abby M. Blake at Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$186 16
Lucy B. King " " "	141 00
Robert Graham " " "	216 00
Eugene Rockwood " " "	198 96
William Wales. " " "	190 50
Oren W. Adams " " "	87 71
C. C. Robinson at Reform School.	26 00
C. W. Gilmore, " "	26 00
Eugene Rockwood, medical attendance and clothing,	9 50

O. W. Adams, car fare from Worcester,	1 20
W. R. Farr, " to Alms House Tewksbury,	2 60
Overseers' time and expenses to Worcester,	10 55
" " " to Alms House, Tewksbury,	6 20
" cash paid pauper expenses,	6 60
Removal remains of Lucy B. King from Worcester	10 00
" Mrs. Snow to Stafford,	4 00
Betsey Inman, medical attendance,	10 00
Margaret Whiting,	21 70
Mrs. Eliza A. Frost.	66 33
Julia Fisher,	100 00
Silas and Judith Breck,	165 00
Thomas Russell and wife,	121 81
Mrs. Geo. Corbett and child,	63 55
" Wm. B. Odey and family, paid by Town Norfolk,	120 00
" Caroline Carr, paid by Fall River,	112 20
Lysander White, paid by Wrentham,	58 17
Deborah Lincoln, house rent,	50 00
	$2011 74

AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE KEEPER OF ALMS HOUSE.

Cash on hand March 1, 1873,	$8 59
Received for wood sold,	23 59
" " sand "	6 00
" " potatoes sold,	8 50
" " R. R. sleepers sold,	16 20

Received for milk sold.		206 50
		$268 29
Sold to J. O. Chilson, on account, viz:		
65 doz. eggs	$19 89	
3 barrels apples,	12 00	
20 bushels potatoes,	21 65	
25 lbs. dried apples,	3 50	
1 cow,	35 00	
1 calf,	11 05	
1 hide,	4 24	
1 hide,	4 30	
Lot squashes,	25	
6 bushels potatoes,	5 40	117 28
Total receipts.		$385 57

MONEY PAID BY KEEPER OF ALMS HOUSE.

Paid repairs of clock,	$0 75
" " boots for G. A. Gilmore,	1 25
Levi Follett, for soap,	7 00
348 lbs. ground bone,	7 83
for rye meal,	1 00
Scott for hogs,	29 50
H. Bemis, repairs carriage,	18 00
for sewing,	5 00
Heaton & Stebbins for coal,	11 50
currant bushes and rhubarb plants,	6 50
clothing and boots,	25 50
C. H. Heaton for meat,	14 08
baker for bread and crackers,	7 75

Barton Ballou for weather strips,	2 00
James Smith, tub mackerel,	5 00
for labor,	68 00
F. B. Gay for fish,	10 63
W. H. Spear, fish and oysters,	4 00
C. E. Shepard for soap,	2 50
D. C. Cotton for stove and fixtures,	34 00
	$261 79
Also sold produce, &c., to J. O. Chilson, which was credited on Bills for Supplies, and balance paid by Town Treasurer, amounting	117 28
Cash in Keeper's hands Jan. 31, 1874,	6 50
	$385 57

ALMSHOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

Dr.

To Interest on cost of farm,	$180 00	
" Amount appraisal of personal property, March 1, 1873,	1602 48	
" Amount received by keeper,	385 57	
" " paid from Town Treasury,	1289 08	
		$3457 13

Cr.

By amount appraisal of personal property, Jan. 31, 1874,	$1784 03
" amount due on note and account	

	for lumber sold,	74 13	
"	amount rec'd from town Watertown, for board,	42 00	
"	amount paid out by keeper,	261 79	
"	" produce sold to J. O. Chilson, on account,	117 28	
"	Cash in keeper's hands,	6 50	
"	Amount due for milk,	12 00	$2297 73
	Total cost to town.		$1159 40

INMATES AT ALMSHOUSE DURING THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1874

	Age.	Time in House.
Hannah Rockwood,	70	11 mos.
Lydia Hardy,	70	11 "
Margaret Whiting,	—	10 " 13 days.
Rebecca " deceased	84	5 " 21 "
Lewis Pond,	83	11 "
Oren W. Adams,	—	7 " 10 "
George Daniels,	26	11 "
George A. Gilmore.	18	11 "

In addition to the above, also the board of Samuel Pond 5 weeks, John McGee, 9 weeks, James Welch 1 week, William Hammond 6 weeks, and 216 transient, who were kept over night, making in all a total of 375 1-7 weeks board.

SUMMARY OF PAUPER EXPENSES.

Cash paid for paupers out of Alms House,	$939 41

Less amount due from City Fall River,	$101 83	
" " rec'd " Town Wrentham,	52 83	
" " " " " Norfolk,	120 00	274 66
		664 75
Cash paid State institutions,	$1072 33	
Less amount due from guardian of Robert Graham.	267 25	805 08
Nett expense out of Alms House,		$1469 83
Nett cash expense of Poor at the Alms House,		1159 40
Total pauper expenses for 11 months,		$2629 23

TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR SUNDRY EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1874.

To J. M. Freeman, selectman and overseer,	$120 00
John H. Fisher. " "	25 00
Jason Tower. " "	40 00
S. W. Richardson, assessor,	106 50
Joseph Harrold. "	55 00
A. G. Metcalf. "	60 00
A. A Russegue. town clerk,	83 50
" treasurer and collector,	277 42
S. W. Squire, school committee,	138 25
Geo. King, " "	120 50
Geo. W. Wiggin, "	125 00
J. W. Horton, for damages received on Depot Street, Nov. 1872,	2500 00

PAYMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Principal Notes,			
State Loan. 1 note,	$3000 00		
Bank note,	3000 00		
Notes to sundry persons,	3013 59		
			$9013 59
Interest Account,			
On State Loan, 2 notes, $7000, 6 pct.		$210 00	
" " " "		210 00	
" 1 note		27 50	
Notes to sundry persons,		680 35	
			1127 85
			$1,0141 44

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1874.

March 1, 1873. DR.

Cash in Treasury,	$5711 76
Uncollected tax bills,	760 30
Received borrowed money,	14341 02
" tax bills for 1873,	31300 84
" State aid from State Treasurer,	1008 00
" Corporation tax " "	85 25
" National Bank tax from State Treasurer,	1208 08
" On pauper account " " "	37 61
" Contagious diseases " " "	212 17
" School fund, " " "	200 54
" Fall River on pauper account,	46 00
" From S. W. Squire for broken glass,	1 00
" " " " " collected school books,	4 94
" " " " " old stone,	25 00
" " Town Norfolk, pauper account,	49 00
" " " Wrentham, " "	52 83
" Circus license and use of grounds,	20 00
" Dividend on Insurance,	112 50
" From J. L. Fisher for lumber,	3 57
" " Whiting Bros. on note,	52 12
" " Town of Norfolk for schools,	116 13
" " " Watertown, pauper account,	45 00
" " " Norfolk, " "	48 00
" For use of Lockup,	1 00
" From County Treas., dog money,	187 49
" State aid paid into treasury,	49 50
" From Franklin Lib., sale catalogues, &c.,	32 37
" Interest and extra on taxes,	61 20
" For use of Town House,	51 00
" From Geo. King, for broken glass,	2 00
" Town Norfolk, pauper account,	48 00
	$55871 22

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT Continued.

March 1, 1873. Cr.

Paid on account of new road,	$4685 00
" library,	278 67
principal for borrowed money,	9013 59
interest, " "	1127 85
for schools,	4564 14
fire department,	985 10
supplies pauper house,	1289 08
for paupers out of alms house,	2011 74
town officers,	1056 75
repairs of roads,	3016 60
miscellaneous expenses,	7533 93
printing and stationery,	230 45
abatement, discount and collection of taxes,	1927 01
State aid,	681 93
snow bills,	606 55
	$39,008 39

1874.

Feb. 1.	Uncollected tax bills,	$8938 81	
	Cash in Treasury,	7924 02	16,862 83
			$55,871 22

Franklin, Jan. 31, 1874.

J. M FREEMAN,
J. H. FISHER,
JASON TOWER,
} Selectmen of Franklin.

A. A. RUSSEGUE, Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WALDO DANIELS, Auditor.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

February 1, 1874.

The Town now owes notes as follows:

1 note, State loan, at 6 p.ct. due Dec. 1, 1875,		$4000 00
1 " " " 7 " " " 1, 1883,		5000 00
1 " at 6 p.ct. due Feb. 2, 1880.		1000 00
1 " " 6 " " Aug. 27, 1878,		1000 00
1 " " 6 " " May 10, 1877,		1000 00
1 " " 6 " " April 9, 1876,		1000 00
2 " " 6 " " Jan. 1, 1875,		500 00
1 " " 7 " " " 1, 1875,		1500 00
1 " " " " July 1, 1874,		500 00
8 " on demand.		6396 76
		$21,896 76

February 1, 1874.

Cash in Treasury.	$7924 02	
Uncollected tax-bills.	8938 81	
Due from Fall River.	101 93	
" " guardian Robt. Graham,	267 25	
" on note,	47 88	
" " account,	26 25	
" from State for State Aid,	854 43	$18,160 47
Balance against town,		$3,736 20

NOTE.—Of the uncollected tax-bills above is that on the estate of late Dr. Dean, amounting to $7430 10.

The town is also owing on payment for alteration on Lincoln street, the same to be paid on the acceptance of the road by the County Commissioners, the sum of $1500.

ESTIMATES FOR EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1874.

For schools,	$6000 00
" pauper expenses,	2500 00
" roads and bridges.	2500 00
" miscellaneous expenses,	3000 00
" abatement, dis., and collection of taxes,	1600 00
" repairs and alterations Lincoln St-,	1500 00
" interest,	1000 00
" Town Officers,	800 00
" printing and stationery,	150 00
" Franklin Library Association,	100 00
	$19150 00

JAMES M. FREEMAN,
JOHN H. FISHER,
JASON TOWER,
Selectmen of Franklin.

Franklin, Feb. 10, 1874.

In preparing the foregoing Report it has been the purpose of the Auditor to examine carefully the items and each entry under the several classes of accounts, and place the same before the Town in such form as shall meet the requirements of the vote passed by the Town at their annual meeting, March 3, 1873.

As a matter of convenience, I have followed the classification of accounts already adopted by the Treasurer—and after examining four hundred and forty-two bills found but a single error of less than a dollar, and that in favor of the Town. The only suggestion which the Auditor will presume to make for the future, is to reduce the amount of bills under the head of Miscellaneous.

In this connection I wish to asknowledge the uniform courtesy and kindness of the Town Treasurer, A. A. Russegue, Esq.; also of the Chairman of Board of Selectmen and Overseers, J.

M. Freeman, Esq., both of which gentlemen were ready to furnish information and explanation whenever requested by the Auditor. WALDO DANIELS, Auditor.

Franklin. Feb. 10, 1874.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN ON THE REPAIRS OF TOWN ROADS BY ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Gentlemen: — Your Board of Selectmen, instructed at the last annual March meeting to make inquiries relative to the different methods adopted by towns for the repairing of highways, and the practical working of the same, have attended to the duty assigned them, and submit the following report:—

We find the methods of the different towns somewhat varied, yet tending to the same point, namely, the concentrating of the power in fewer hands than formerly, and the continuing of said power in the same hands for a series of years, when not impracticable. We have been able, during our inquiries, to find but three towns that have adopted the act relating to Road Commissioners. In one of these towns the act is still continued, and the people like it very much—say they get better roads with the same appropriations than under previous systems. In the other two towns the act was discontinued after being in operation for one year. In one of those towns it was admitted that more labor was obtained by the commissioner system than by the old surveyor system; but the taxpayers concluded that they had rather work out their own taxes, so they rallied and abolished the act.

In the other town it worked well; but through jealousy that too much money might be laid out in some localities, and not enough in others, the town returned to the old system. In many

towns the Selectmen have charge of the highways, and are made responsible for the faithful expenditure of the appropriations made by the towns; in other towns the Selectmen are authorized to appoint one or more Surveyors to act as Superintendents of Highways. The above are the systems which are in operation in most of the towns of the Commonwealth.

These systems may all be good with a practical head to execute them. They may all be bad with an impractical head. In conclusion we would say any system the town may adopt for the repairs of its highways, will be inefficient, unless you have a practical head — a head made responsible for the faithful expenditure of all appropriations. A good practical head, with good laborers, good materials and good appropriations, will construct good roads under any of the above systems.

J. M. FREEMAN,
J. H. FISHER,
JASON TOWER,
Selectmen of Franklin.

Franklin, Jan. 31, 1874.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF FRANKLIN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

At the annual March Meeting, 1873, the Town appropriated the sum of $161 16, the amount then in the Treasury from the licensing of dogs, and granted the further sum of $150 00, and so much of the sums as may be required, to be applied for the current expenses of the Franklin Library Association.

The Directors have drawn from the Treasury during the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1874, for current expenses, details of which appear in the proper place in the annual Town Report, the sum of $278 67, and have paid into the Treasury the am't. received from sale of Catalogues, &c., $32 37; making total

expense to the Town $246 30; leaving unexpended of the appropriation, a balance of $64 86 in the Treasury.

By notice given by the Librarian, the books loaned were ordered in on the 27th of December, 1873, for inspection by the Committee. On careful examination, the books were found in quite good condition, and all accounted for but ten volumes, some of which may yet be returned.

From the record kept by the Librarian, it appears that 425 persons have drawn books during the eleven months ending Jan. 31, 1874. Whole number of volumes loaned, 6830. Collected from sale of Catalognes, &c., $32 37. The Directors, through their committee, have purchased during the year one hundred and eighty-two volumes, of which number thirty-five volumes were to replace worn-out and missing books, and one hundred and forty-seven new works—all of which have been recorded with their respective numbers, and the cost of each book. Total amount expended for new books, $202 74, which has been paid from the Dean Fund.

The whole number of books belonging to the Library Association, and which are on the Catalogue issued in April, 1873, and a supplement added in December, 1873, is 1348. To these add those belonging to the Town, 475 volumes, making a total of 1823 volumes, which are kept for the free use of the citizens of the Town.

The Association have also a large number of books, public documents, &c., not included in Catalogues, and which will be available for use when better accommodations can be secured. By comparing the statistics of the Library operations with those of preceding years, we think that it will readily be seen that the interest of the public has increased constantly, and that the demand for reading matter in the future will continue.

The Association has now in its treasury, $297 26, to be expended for books only—and will receive during the coming year

an additional amount of $250—but the accommodations now furnished at the schoolroom for the Library are decidedly straitened and cannot be enlarged in that location. Under these circumstances it will be impossible to make additions to any considerable extent, until the Library can be removed to more convenient and roomy quarters.

If the Library should be retained in its present location, it will be unnecessary to ask for a larger appropriation by the Town for the year 1874 than was granted last year. We think, however, that better accommodations should be secured at the earliest practicable date, in order that the entire number of books of the Association may be made available for the use of the public, and that the Directors may be enabled to add, from time to time, new and popular works, as they are published.

By Order of Directors,

WALDO DANIELS, }
GEO. W. WIGGIN, } Committee.

Franklin, Feb. 4, 1874.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The following is the property connected with the Fire Department:

FRANKLIN ENGINE NO. ONE.

1 Hose Carriage, 350 feet Rubber Hose, 100 feet Leather Hose, 2 lengths of Suction Hose, 2 Rubber Buckets, 8 Belts, 10 Spanners, 1 Axes, 1 Wheel Jack, 5 Lanterns, 2 Oil Cans, 1 Trough for oiling hose, 1 Brush, 5 Firemen's Hats, 1 Trumpet.

ONE HOOK AND LADDER CARRIAGE.

6 Ladders, 28 Buckets, 2 Axes, 4 Poles, 1 Iron Bar, 3 Hooks and Chains, 1 Engine House, 10 Settees, 1 Table, 2 Hanging Lamps, 6 Spittoons, 2 Stoves and Pipe.

CATARACT ENGINE NO. TWO.

1 Hose Carriage, 300 feet Rubber Hose, 100 feet Leather Hose, 100 feet Canvas Hose, 4 Lengths Suction Hose, 6 Belts, 12 Spanners, 2 Axes, 4 Lanterns, 1 Signal Lantern, 1 Engine House, 6 Settees, 4 Chairs, 1 Table, 3 Lamps, 2 Stoves and Pipe, 6 Spittoons, 1 Flag, 1 Trumpet.

The fires the past year have been slight, with one exception; the burning of Mr. F. B. Ray's Felt Mill. The first alarm in May, was caused by the burning of a stack of hay, near the house of Mr. Michael Shay. Company No. 1 were promptly on the ground and did good service in protecting Mr. Shay's buildings from fire. The second alarm was caused by the burning of Mr. F. B. Ray's Felt Mill, on the evening of July 1st. Engine Co. No. 2, were on the ground promptly, and Co. No. 1 being immediately notified, responded to the call, and arrived quickly, but, owing to the combustible natute of the building, they were unable to save it, but, through the great exertions of the firemen, they saved some of the valuable machinery in the mill, and all the surrounding buildings, although some of them were within a few feet of the mill. The third alarm was from Morse & Waite's

Felt Mill, July 22d. Company No. 1 were prompt to respond to the call, and the fire was extinguished with but slight damage. October 14th an alarm came from Mr. Samuel Whiting's Batting Mill. Company No. 2 were on the ground immediately, and the fire was put out, doing but little damage.

The cisterns are all in good order, and four of them full of water, and the other one nearly full.

The apparatus in the Fire Department is all in good running order, except the Engine Houses, which your Board of Engineers would recommend the Town to enlarge, and build Hose Towers; as in their present condition there is no place to take off the hose and keep it from going to waste, and thereby making it necessary for the Town to expend a large sum to replace it.

D. C. COTTON,
WM. ROCKWOOD,
HENRY W. HAY.
JAMES HOOD.

Franklin, Feb. 9th, 1874.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS IN FRANKLIN RECORDED IN 1873.

Name of child.	Name of parents.	Date of birth.
Edward Channing Craig,	Chas. B. and Malvina C.,—Jenks,	Jan. 14, '73.
Frances Ellen Whiting,	Jos. M. and Delia, E.—Sprague,	" 18, "
Frances McDermott,	John and Jane,—Hughs,	March 18, "
Mary Agrees Rierdon,	Daniel and Lizzie,—Malcahy,	" 28, "
——— Riley,	James and Mary,—Williams,	" 31, "
Thomas McLaughlin, Jr.,	Thos. and Bridget,—Ryan,	April 3, "
William Arthur White,	Lysander and Huldah,—Johnson.	" 11, "
Maybelle Estella Foster,	Geo. W. and H. Amelia,—Whelden,	" 13, "
Alice Mabel Davidson,	Robert H. and Annie M.—Rowe,	" 18, "
Sarah Louisa Willard,	Ashbel and Harriet,—Chamberlin,	" 26, "
George William Blake,	Oramel B. and Mary A.,—Denett,	" 30, "
William Luther Moore,	Geo. M. and Anna M.—Gage,	May 12, "
Fred William Corson,	David W. and Hannah M.,—Allen,	" 11, "
Joseph Michael Kelly,	Michael and Mary,—Finerty	" 24, "
Mertie Rowena Daniels,	Arville F. and Mary L.,—Bowden,	" 27, "
Ann Smiddy,	Thos. and Jane,—Callehan,	June 5, "
Annie Wood Cook,	Samuel S. and Ann J.,—Kelly,	" 9, "
Patrick Neylon,	Thos. and Ellen,—Gordon,	" 19, "
Oliver Anson Jordan,	Edwin A. and Eliza J.,—Mayo,	" 25, "
Mabel Amelia Russell,	Geo. R. and Amelia,—Barton,	" 26, "
George Aaron Keene,	Aaron H. and Rebecca W.,—Frost,	July 19, "
Laura Caroline Bodge,	Alfred L. and Lizzie,—Picket,	" 21, "
Annie Stowell King,	F. A. B. and Catherine,—Leonard,	Aug. 8, "
Clarence A. Franklin,	A. E. and Emma B.,—Winslow,	" 11, "
Charles McCarty,	Timothy and Julia,—Murry,	" 15, "
Vilina Raweter,	Lewis and Nathalie,—Telland,	" 20, "
Florillia Arlinda Scott,	Willard E. and Florillia A.,—Jones,	" 26, "
Charles William Lowell,	Chas. B. and Maria A.,—Fales,	" 30, "
Minnie Ethelynn Rounds,	Daniel H. and Abba I.,—Hills,	Sept. 5, "
Cora Marion Maynard,	Edward R. and Frances M.,—Park,	" 8, "
Ursula May Lincoln,	O. W. and Narcissa W.,—Williams,	" 9, "
Walter H. Brown,	Geo. A. and Lucy A.,—Harrington,	" 9, "
Nancy Lecland Pierce,	Wallace C. and Martha A.,—Hart,	" 19, "
Lyman Warren King,	Warren N. and Julia A.,—Blake,	Oct. 1, "
Bridget Dalenty,	Thos. and Catherine,—Mahr,	" 15, "
Mary Ann Carr,	John and Margaret.—Riley,	" 16, "
Nellie Louisa Hawes,	Eugene D. and Annie M.,—Howard,	Nov. 9, "
Francis Henry Carr,	Jas. and Catherine,—Carr,	" 21, "
Frank Newell Howe,	Wm. R. and Susan B. —Wood,	" 30, "

Alice Esther Austin,	Wm. H. and Emily F.,—Gould,	" 30, "
Philip Foran,	Michael and Mary,—Farley,	Dec. 3, "
Mary Abbie Bassett,	Chas. S. and Abbie G.,—Bigelow,	" 17, "
John Wm. McClusky,	Hugh and Bridget,—Doherty,	" 18, "
Catherine Murphy,	Jeremiah and Margaret,—Feely,	" 28, "
Mabel I. Bright,	Warren H. and Mary E.,—Peary,	" 29, "
Wm. Eddie Teed,	Wm. B. and Mary A.—Millard,	June 19, "
James Henry Cook,	Samuel S. and Ann J.,—Kelly,	Feb. 28, '67.
Edward Samuel Cook,	" " " "	June 14, '68.
James Arthur Sally,	Jas. and Susan,—Hills,	Feb. 2, '70.
Emery Elijah Willard,	Ashbel and Harriet E.,—Chamberlin,	March 20, '71.
John Henry Inman,	Chas. H. and Catherine,—Sullivan,	April 14, '72.
Hanora Murphy,	Jeremiah and Margaret,—Fechy,	March 10, '72.
Geo. R. Hutchinson,	Joseph T. and Mary,—Davy.	Oct. 31, '71.
Wm. J. "	" " " "	Aug. 27, '69.

MARRIAGES IN 1873.

Name of parties.	Name of parents.	Date and place of marriage.
Charles O. Stimson,	Charles and M. E. Stimson.	Jan. 19,
Annie L. Frost,	Wm. O. and Caroline A. Frost.	at Milford.
Hugh Quinn,	Peter and Bridget Quinn,	Jan. 7,
Mary Fineral,	James and Mary Fineral,	at Foxboro.
William A. Martin,	John A. and Sarah Martin.	Feb. 27,
Emma F. Rice,	Abel and Laura K. Rice.	at Franklin.
James Hood,	John and Ellen Hood.	Feb. 20,
Agrees M. Watson.	John and Christina Watson.	at Franklin.
Eugene H. Tilton,	Daniel B. and Louisa E Tilton.	Mar. 22,
Effie A. Bigelow,	James and Alice Bigelow.	at Franklin.
Wallace R. Richardson,	Stephen and Harriet B. Richardson.	Mar. 8,
Elizabeth Jane Walker,	Edmond and Margaret Walker.	Searsport, Me.
David A. Gay,	David and Mary Gay.	April 20,
Mary L. King,	Warren N. and Julia A. King.	at Mansfield.
Judson C. Pond,	Alvin D. and Sarah Pond.	April 18,
Ellen A. Wales,	Wm. H. and Rebecca Wales.	at Woonsocket.
George F. Barton,	Francis and Sarah Barton.	May 1.
Anna J. Conant,	Jos. P. and Ruth A. Conant.	at Framingham.
Joseph C. Allen,	Joseph and Sarah Allen.	May 15,
Eliza J. Bullard,	Cyrus and Eda Bullard.	at Medway.
Eugene F. Ware,	Frank T. and Ann M. Ware.	May 8,
Ada A. Hawes,	Nathaniel and Eliza Hawes.	at Franklin.
Willard A. Miller,	Gilmore and Sarah F. Miller.	May 24,
Annie F. Sawyer,	Wm. F. and Lucy A. Sawyer.	at Woonsocket.

Edward R. Maynard, F. Marion Park,	Sam'l B. and Sarah R. Maynard. Joshua and Abigail Park.	May 14, '72 at Franklin.
Morris Long, Rosa Gafney,	John and Ellen Long. Thos. and Margaret Gafney,	June 19, at Foxboro.
Stillman G. Scammon, Sarah L. Shepherd,	John and Mary Scammon. Daniel and Mary Shepard.	June 15, at Franklin.
Charles L. Stewart, Emma C. Heaton,	Chas. W. and Mary H. Stewart. Wm A. and Nancy C. Heaton.	June 18, at Franklin.
George A. Ray, Henrietta Hodges,	Geo. E. and Sophronia C. Ray. Sam'l S. and Harriet Ginnodo.	June 15. at Franklin.
William H. Austin, Emma F. Gould,	Daniel and Prudence Austin. Wm. H. and Nancy J. Gould.	July 31, at Franklin.
John J. Ford, Hannah Keefe,	Michael and Honora Ford. William and Mary Keefe.	Sept. 7, at Foxboro.
Joseph L. Blain, Mary Ann Kenedy,	Joseph C. and Philomena. Patrick and Mary Kenedy.	Sept. 21, at Franklin.
Eugene F. Brown, Lizzie P. McGrary,	John and Elizabeth Brown. John and Julia McGrary.	Oct. 21, at Franklin.
Frank P. Guigon, Emma F. Northy,	Pierre and Caroline Guigon. Harvey and Sophia Northy.	Oct. 30, at Scituate.
George H. Gilmore, Mary J. Pierce,	Geo. A. and Sally Gilmore. Washington and Nancy G. Pierce.	Nov. 16, Sheldonville
John S. Nottage, Eliza J. Field,	Joshua and Sarah Nottage. Elijah and Susan Field.	Dec. 30, at Franklin.

DEATHS RECORDED IN FRANKLIN FOR 1873.

Date.	*Place of Death.*	*Name.*	*Age.*	*Cause of Death.*	*Name of Parents.*	*Place of Birth.*
Jan. 7.	Franklin,	Ann Cullin,	21 ds.	Scarletina,	Garret and Bridget Cullen,	Franklin.
" 14.	"	Garret Cullin,	27 yrs.	Meningitis,	Michael and Ann Cullin,	Ireland.
" 31.	"	Frederick Thos. Foley,	5 yrs. 4 m. 11 d.	Croup,	Thos and Ellen Foley,	Franklin.
Feb. 1.	Medway.	Mary Jane Buckley,	4 yrs. 12 d.	Croup.	James and Bridget Buckley,	Medway.
" 1.	Franklin,	Clara Ellen Wallace,	9 m. 6 d.	Brain Disease,	Robert and Mary Wollace,	Woodsocket.
" 8.	Norfolk,	William Robins,	52 yrs.	Phthisis,	Medl. and Johanna Robbins,	Ireland.
" 11.	Franklin,	Betsey Inman,	80 yrs. 5 m. 20 d.	Bronchitis,		
" 20.	Franklin.	Lydia Moore,	91 yrs. 3 m. 16 d.	Old Age,	Uriah and Lydia Moore,	Sudbury.
M'h 11.	Franklin,	Lillian F. Sherman,	7 yrs. 7 m. 21 d.	Diptheria,	E. H. and Clara H. Sherman,	Franklin.
" 16.	Franklin,	Polly H. Ware,	67 yrs. 7 m. 5 d.	Liver Disease.	Otis and Jemima Wales,	Franklin.
" 27.	Norf lk,	Margaret McNally,	51 yrs.	Dropsy,	Thos and Jane Hamblin,	Ireland.
" 30.	Norfolk.	Margaret Cody.	18 yrs. 8 m. 7 d.	Brain Disease,	George P. and Jane Cody,	Wrentham,
" 31.	Franklin.	Riley.	1 d.	Infantile Debility,	James and Mary Riley,	Franklin.
Apl. 3.	Franklin.	William O. Frost.	49 yrs. 9 m. 14 d.	Injury, enteritis, cold,	Peter and Eliza Frost,	Cumberland.
" 3.	Franklin,	Thos McLaughlin,	1 d.	Infantile Debility,	Thos and Bridget McLaughlin,	Franklin.
May 2.	Norfolk,	William Hennessy.	2 m.	Enteritis,	James and Mary Hennessy,	Norfolk.
" 6.	Franklin,	Emeline Metcalf,	59 yrs. 11 m. 19 d.	Hepatitis,	Perez and Polly Fisher,	Franklin.
" 8.	Franklin.	Catherine Sullivan,	8 yrs. 6 m.	Chorea,	Daniel and Julia Sullivan,	England,
" 9.	Franklin,	Sally B. Dunbar,	80 yrs. 1 m. 1 d.	Diarrhoea,	Simeon and Abigail Bassett,	Northbridge.
" 20.	Franklin,	Maria Cleveland,	78 yrs.	Phthisis,	Samuel and Mary Cleveland,	Medway.
Jne 17.	Franklin,	Latimus V. Sayles,	45 yrs. 7 d.	Cerebral Hemorage,	Orin and Almira Sayles,	Franklin.
" 22.	Providence.	Harriet E. Newell.	33 yrs. 26 d.	Brain Disease,	A. J. and Eliza Newell	Franklin.
" 28.	Franklin.	Olive M. Wadsworth,	76 yrs. 2 d.	" "	Nathan and Patty Metcalf,	Franklin.
Jly 13.	Franklin,	John Rhodes,	82 yrs. 8m. 18 d.	Apoplexy,	John and Elizabeth Rhodes,	Cumberland.
" 18.	Medway,	Catherine Mahen,	11 yrs. 11 m	Dysentery,	John and Ellen Mahen,	Medway.
" 21.	Medway,	Peter Foster,	1 d.	Infantile Debility,	Peter and Louisa Foster,	Medway.
" 22.	Franklin.	Mary Amelia Wiggin,	29 yrs. 10 m. 29 d.	Phthisis,	Edw W. and Melinda Warren,	Brunswick, Me.
" 25.	Walpole,	Mary McManis,	23 yrs.	Phthisis,	Timothy and Catherine Barry,	Dorchester,
" 29.	Franklin,	Alice Mabel Davidson.	3 m. 15 d.	Cholera Infantum.	R. H. and Anne M. Davidson,	Franklin.
Aug. 7.	Franklin,	Annora Morrissey,	26 yrs. 4 m.	Phthisis,	John and Johanna Collins,	Ireland.
" 9.	Franklin,	Theodore D. King,	2 yrs. 10 m. 11 d.	Scarletina,	George and Lucy A. King,	Franklin.
" 10.	Franklin,	Eugene Morin,	17 yrs. 4 m.	Drowned,	Hyp lete Morin,	Canada.
" 14.	Franklin,	James W. Redpath,	35 yrs. 5 m. 8 d.	Typhoid Fever,	Wm and Mary Redpath,	Nova Scotia.
" 21.	Franklin,	Catherine Feely,	2 m. 4d.	Cholera Infantum,	Patrick and Hannah Feely,	Franklin.
" 21.	Franklin.	Rebecca Whiting,	84 yrs. 9 m. 3 d.	Old Age,	Asa and Mary Whiting,	Franklin.
" 28.	Franklin,	Patrick Foran,	30 yrs.	Phthisis,	David and Ellen Foran,	Ireland.
" 30.	Franklin,	Sally S. Gilmore,	76 yrs. 1 m. 21 d.	Fracture.	Wm. and Sally Sherborn,	Schoharia, N. Y.
Sep. 3.	Franklin,	Mary Daley,	26 yrs.	Phthisis.	Thos and Catherine Daley,	Ireland.
" 29.	Franklin,	Wm L. Moore,	4 m, 18 d.	Erysipelas,	Geo M and Anna M. Moore,	Franklin.

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Date.	*Place of Death.*	*Name.*	*Age.*	*Cause of Death.*	*Name of Parents.*	*Place of Birth*
Sep 12.	Worcester,	Lucy B. King,	70 yrs. 4 m. 12 d.	Paralysis,	David C. and Laura Fisher,	Franklin.
" 21.	Franklin,	Charles E. Sylvester,	1 y. 2 m. 14 d.	Lung Disease.	Chas E. and Lucy Sylvester,	Worcester.
" 26.	Franklin,	Wm. McMasters,	34 yrs. 5 m. 26 d.	Accident,	James and Margaret McMasters,	Ireland.
Oct. 11.	Medway,	Sally Fisher,	84 yrs. 3 m	Old Age,	Levi and Mary Fisher,	Franklin,
" 24.	Franklin.	Franklin Bascom,	72 yrs. 7 m. 2 d.	Heart Disease.	Jonathan and Sally Bascom,	Orleans,
" 28.	Franklin.			Stillborn,	Chas B. and Eliza Hathaway,	Franklin.
Nv, 13.	Franklin,	Catherine Shehan,	18 yrs.	Phthisis,	John and Honora Shehan,	Ireland,
Dec 14.	Franklin,	A. F. Everett Jr,	1 yr. 2 m.	Lung Disease.	A. F. and Maria W. Everett,	Franklin.
Feb 21.	Jamaica Plain,	Henry C. Bullard,	40 yrs. 1 m. 6 d.	Phthisis.		

STREETS OF FRANKLIN.

CENTRAL STREET— From Wrentham line.) near Eagle Factory,) to Bellingham line, formerly known as the Taunton and Worcester road.

MAIN STREET—From Central street, at R. R. Bridge, to Brick School House No. 1.

UNION STREET—From H. S. Morse's Straw Goods Factory, crossing railroad at Nason's Crossing, (so called,) and leading over the Mount to Wrentham line.

HIGH STREET—From Main to Union street, at south end of Common.

SCHOOL STREET—From Main to Union Street, passing by High School House.

EMMONS STREET—From Main to Central Street, past the the Engine House.

LINCOLN STREET—From Brick School House No. 1 to Medway Village.

PLEASANT STREET—From Union Street, at foot of the Common, past residence of Charles Gowen to Norfolk line.

MAPLE STREET—From Brick School House No. 1, past residence of James H. Pond, to Partridge Street.

OAK STREET—From H. S. Morse's Straw Goods Factory, past residence of John King, to Pond Street.

BEAVER STREET—From H. S. Morse's Straw Goods Factory, past Beaver Pond, to Grove Street.

ALPINE STREET—From Pleasant Street, near the residence of Nathan Cole, towards the Depot.

EAST STREET—From Central, past Blacksmith Shop of James Hood, to Union Street.

COTTAGE STREET—From Central Street, near railroad bridge, to Union Street.

WEST STREET—From Central, past residence of F. A. B. King, to East Street.

SUMMER STREET—From Central, near residence of A. H. Morse, past the Alms House, to Wrentham line.

CHURCH STREET—From Main to Oak, passing north of Catholic Church.

KING STREET—From Central, near school house No. 3, crossing Summer and Union to Washington street.

WASHINGTON STREET—From Union, near residence of C. M. Nason, to Bellingham line.

CHESTNUT STREET—From Central, near school house No. 3, to Pleasant Street.

DEPOT STREET—From Main Street to the Depot.

POND STREET—From Central, near Unionville, past residence of Fisher Daniels, to Medway line.

CROSS STREET—From Summer, near residence of Joseph Day, to Central, near school house No. 3.

GROVE STREET—From Central, near Unionville, past residence of P. B. Clark, to Washington.

SPRING STREET—From Washington, past Wadsworth station, to Central.

PROSPECT STBEET — From Washington, near school house No. 9, to Bellingham line.

FOREST STREET—From King, near school house No. 2, past residence of A. Woodward to Wrentham line.

SOUTH STREET—From Washington, past residence of Nathaniel Hawes, to Wrentham line.

GREEN STREET—From Pleasant, past Cemetery, to Norfolk line.

DANIELS STREET—From Lincoln, near residence of S. W. Richardson, to Green.

MILLER STREET—From Pleasant, near the Morse Place, to Green.

BROOK STREET—From Lincoln, near residence of A. & J. Murphy, to Miller.

SHORT STREET—From Daniels, near residence of James Fisher, crossing Brook to Miller.

BENT STREET—From Lincoln, near residence of Stephen Putnam to Medway line.

MECHANIC PLACE—Leading out of Bent Street.

FULLER PLACE—Leading out of Bent Street.

JORDAN STREET—From Chestnut, past residence of Alfred Jordan, to Central.

MILL STREET—From Chestnut, near residence of Frederick Fisher, to Norfolk line.

ACORN PLACE—Leading from Chestnut Street, to residence of W. F. King.

HILLSIDE PLACE—Leading from Grove Street to the residence of E. S. Moses.

VINE STREET—From Forest to Wrentham line, near residence of O. G. Cheever.

MOUNT STREET—From Union, near school house No. 10, to Summer.

BIRCH STREET—From Summer, near residence of Lewis Hills, to Wrentham line.

DAY PLACE—Leading from Central Street to O. A. Day's.

ELM STREET—From Lincoln, near school house No. 6 past residence of S. W. Pond, to Medway line.

PARTRIDGE STREET—From Pond, near residence of Horace Bishop, to Elm.

BRIDGE STREET—From Partridge to Pond.

BEACH STREET—From Pond, crossing Pine, to Bellingham line.

PINE STREET—From Pond, crossing Beach, to Bellingham line.

PLAIN STREET—From Pond, near Inman's to Bellingham line.

WHITING PLACE—Leading from Lincoln Street, to residence of J. M. Whiting.

RICHARDSON PLACE—Leading from Lincoln Street, to residence of S. W. Richardson.

ALPINE PLACE—From Central, near residence of Barton Ballou, to house of Thomas Foley.

For purposes of general information, it may be proper to state in this connection some of the laws, rules and regulations concerning the registration of births, marriages and deaths in Massachusetts.

(General Statutes—Chap. 21.)

DUTIES OF TOWN CLERK.

SECTION 1. The clerk of each city or town shall receive or obtain, and record and index the following facts concerning the births, marriages and deaths therein, separately numbering and recording the same in the order in which he receives them, designating in separate columns:

In the record of births, the date of the birth, the place of birth, the name of the child, (if it have any,) the sex and color of the child, the names and places of birth of the parents, the occupation of the father, and the residence of the parents, and the date of the record;

In the record of marriages, the date of the marriage, the place of marriage, the name, residence, the official station of the person by whom married, the names and the places of birth of the parties, the residence of each, the age and color of each, the condition of each, (whether single or widowed,) the occupation, the names of the parents, and the date of record;

In the record of deaths, the date of the death, the name of the deceased, the sex, the color, the condition, (whether single, widowed or married,) the age, the residence, the occupation, the

place of death, the place of birth, the names and places of birth of the parents, the disease or cause of death, the place of burial, and the date of the record.

DUTY OF PARENTS.

SECTION 2. Parents shall give notice to the clerk of their city or town of the births and deaths of their children; every householder shall give like notice of every birth and death happening in his house; the eldest person next of kin shall give such notice of the death of his kindred. Whoever neglects to give such notice for the space of six months after a birth or death, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five dollars.

DUTY OF PHYSICIANS.

SECTION 3. Any physician having attended a person during his last illness, shall, when requested within fifteen days after the decease of such person, forthwith furnish for registration a certificate of duration of the last sickness, the disease of which the person died, and the date of his disease, as nearly as he can state the same. If any physician refuses or neglects to make such certificate, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars to the use of the town in which he resides.

DUTY OF SEXTON OR UNDERTAKER.

SECTION 4. Every sexton, undertaker, or other person having charge of a burial ground, or the superintendent of burials having charge of the obsequies or funeral rites preliminary to the interment of a human body, shall forthwith obtain and return to the clerk of the city or town in which the deceased resided or the death occurred, the facts required by this chapter to be recorded by said officer concerning the deceased, and the person making such return shall receive from his city or town the fee of ten cents therefor.

The clerk, upon recording such facts, shall forthwith give to the person making such return, a certificate that such return has

been made, which certificate such person shall deliver to the person having charge of the interment, if other than himself, before the burial. Any undertaker violating any of the provisions of this act, shall be punished by a fine of twenty dollars for each violation of the duties herein prescribed, to be imposed by any court of competent jurisdiction.

Nothing herein contained shall exempt any sexton or other person named in the fourth section of the twenty-first chapter of the General Statutes from the provisions and penalties prescribed in said section in cases where an undertaker appointed as provided in this act is not employed in charge of the obsequies.

Parents and other relatives of children born, or of persons deceased, and the occupiers of tenements in which any births or deaths may take place, should report, as soon after the event as may be, every case of birth which may occur, and such cases of death, if any, as may not have been duly returned by persons having charge of the burial &c.

By compliance with the foregoing requirements of law, they will render important aid to the town clerk, in securing the facts connected with births and deaths. The importance of perfect accuracy in the collection of facts and preparation of returns cannot be overestimated.

OF PARTIES LIVING IN THE STATE AND MARRYING OUT OF IT.

When the marriage of persons one or both of whom reside in this State, is solemnized in another State, the parties must within seven days after their return, file with the clerk of the town in which either of them resided, a certificate or declaration of the marriage, with all the particulars required by law. Penalty for neglect, $10

☞Blanks for return of births and deaths may be had at the Town Clerk's office.

All returns should be made on or before the first day of January in each year.